

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6-23, 25-38, 40-44, 46-48, and 50-52 are pending. Claims 2, 4, 5, 24, 39, 45, and 49 are canceled.

Claims 1-2, 4, 11-12, 14, 19, 20-23, 28-38, 40-44, 46-48, and 50-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al (USPN 6,602,114). Applicants respectfully disagree. However, the claims have been amended, rendering the rejection moot.

Applicants agree with the PTO that claims 3, 5-10, 13, 24-27, 39, 45, and 49 include allowable subject matter. The independent claims 1, 23, 28, 44, and 48 have been written to include allowable subject matter. Claim 3 has been written in independent form.


Applicants also resubmit PTO Form SB/08B, removing the hyperlink from the non-patent literature citation. The amendment is a clerical amendment to a previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement. As such, Applicants do not believe that additional fees are due. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the cited non-patent literature reference.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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